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HUMPHREY URGES U.S. ATOM TESTING WITH U.N. CONTROL

Would Ask Supervision for Program of Underground Research Explosions

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WASHINGTON

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today proposed that the United States seek United Nations supervision over a program of underground nuclear test explosions.

The Minnesota Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate disarmament subcommittee, said that underground nuclear explosions were "necessary to develop and perfect an efficient detection and control system" for monitoring an atomic test treaty.

He added, however, that the United States should not continue such a seismic research program with nuclear explosions until we offer to open it to the inspection of teams made up of member nations of the United Nations.

The proposal, therefore, was that the United States should sponsor a resolution in the coming session of the General Assembly calling for establishment of a United Nations control system to monitor and control the American research program with underground explosions.

For Peaceful Purposes

"We should offer to launch a program of nuclear testing for peaceful purposes under United Nations control," he said in a statement. "We should offer to open those tests to inspection by U. N. teams and to make the data and results of those tests to the United Nations."

Humphrey stated that the United States had been one of the leading champions of a test ban agreement, said it was now apparent that the Geneva negotiations had become "hopelessly bogged down" despite the fact that the United States presented a full and reasonable draft treaty carrying many concessions.

The time has come, he said, when "the deadlock" between the United States and the Soviet Union should be taken to the United Nations "so that the United Nations could 'bring about' for appropriate action."

The United States proposed to conduct peaceful explosions under United Nations control, he said, the Soviet Union would be given "a clear alternative to the impasse" now existing in the test ban negotiations.

"Its delegates may vote to join this project or face the censure of world opinion by voting against our resolution," he added.

The reaction in Geneva today of Senyon K. Tsarapkin, head of the Soviet delegation to the test ban conference, was that the Humphrey proposal was merely "a trick" for resumption of military tests.

Senator Humphrey stressed that he was not suggesting a resumption of nuclear weapons tests but only the "peaceful" tests required to develop an effective method for detecting underground nuclear tests. He said that a principal objective of his proposal of United Nations supervision was to assure that the explosions did not involve weapons development.

As part of its package of concessions, the Kennedy Administration offered last March to permit Soviet scientists to inspect the atomic devices used in the seismic research program. The Soviet delegation welcomed the concession but made no specific commitment to participate in the program.

Additional Impetus Due

Additional Congressional impetus for the seismic research explosions is expected later this month from the joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

The committee's chairman, Representative Chet Hoffield of California, announced that his group would hold hearings shortly on the seismic program, known as Project Vela, with a view of increasing the detection of nuclear tests.

Meanwhile, the Senate Committee on Atomic Energy and Disarmament, which late today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk to review the arms control policy, also is expected to take up the Humphrey proposal. The committee's chairman, Senator J. William Fulbright, of Arkansas, said that the committee would hold hearings on the proposal in the near future.

It was understood that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal with the Soviet Union and other nations. The meeting was expected to be held in the near future.

The multi-nation meeting had been scheduled for the end of this month, but in view of the procedural problems being encountered by the Soviet Union in arranging the discussions there is now considerable doubt that the conference will be held this summer.

Russian Statement

Spoke to the New York Times

GENEVA, July 24 (AP)—

Tsarapkin, Soviet test ban negotiator, stressed here today the suggestion that the United States should test under United Nations control to improve the detection of underground explosions.

Mr. Tsarapkin said that Senator Humphrey had shown himself to be a "good lawyer" in making the suggestion. There can be no question of a resumption of testing for whatever purpose without the Soviet Union's consent, he said.

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